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Prime Minister Eshkol, at Knesset summer session, gave views regarding nature of aggressions against Israel and pointed out that late SYG Dag Hammerskjold had informed Israel any withdrawal of UNEF would be carried out in consultation with advisory committee of UNEF. U Thant had not followed this procedure. Eshkol ended with statement of Israel's non-aggressive intent in taking defensive measures. (Tel Aviv 3713, Control 022698, May 22, UNCLASSIFIED)

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Prime Minister Eshkol, in statement to Knesset, called for powers to act for the maintenance of the right of free passage in the Gulf of Aqaba. He said that Israel stood ready to participate in an effort for the relaxation of tension and the consolidation of peace in the area. (Tel Aviv 3744, Control 023997, May 23, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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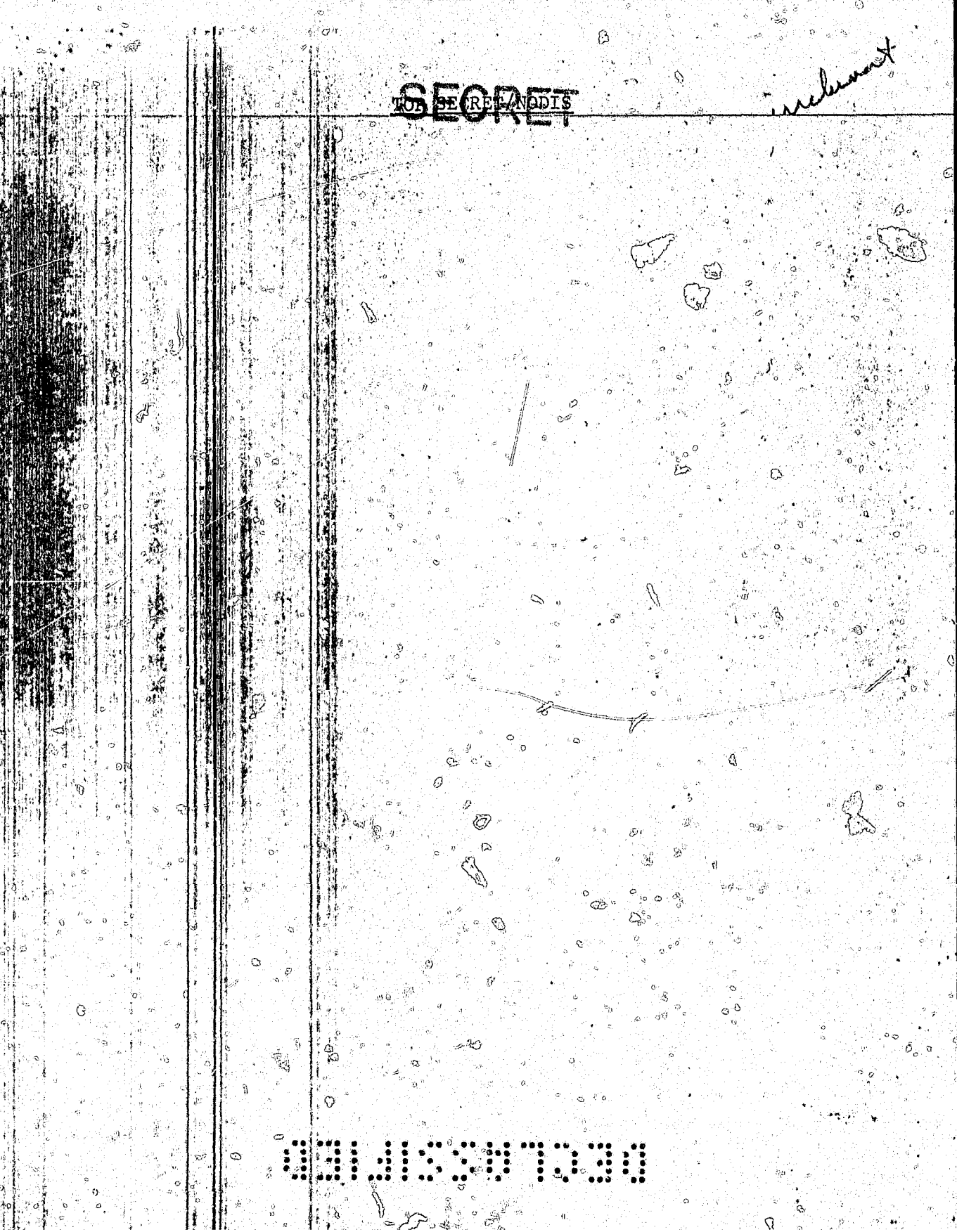

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Department of State authorized statement that USS had no confirmation of press reports of firing on a US ship near Straits of Tiran. No ships of US registry were in that vicinity. (State 204851, May 30, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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Egyptian armored forces advanced at dawn towards the Negev, and Israeli forces advanced to repel them. Israeli aircraft took to the air against enemy aircraft. Eshkol called an urgent meeting with a number of ministers. (Tel Aviv 2924, June 5, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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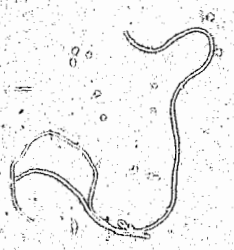

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June 7 - In a news conference, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan made the point that the objective of the campaign in the south was "just to secure free passage to Eilat". He stated that Israel had had a conflict with Jordan, Syria, and Iraq only because Arabs attacked Israel. "We have achieved our political and security objectives," Dayan maintained. (Tel Aviv 4019, Control 007891 June 8, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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Turkish Ambassador informed Department that Syrians had requested GOT assistance in halting Israeli attacks and had asserted they had already agreed to cease-fire. (State 209944, June 9, UNCLASSIFIED)

Israeli Prime Minister Eshkol stated to UPI that steadfastness of President of US on freedom of passage through Straits of Tiran was source of deep encouragement. (Tel Aviv 4052, Control 009205, June 10, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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General Bull informed Israelis Syrians had proposed 1830 local time for cease-fire, which Israelis accepted. (Tel Aviv 4058, Control 009432, June 10, UNCLASSIFIED)

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Ambassador Harman delivered note conveying renewed expression of deep regret for accidental bombing of USS Liberty, and stated GOI prepared to make amends for tragic loss of life and material damage. (State 210137, June 10, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Secretary Rusk informed Embassy Tel Aviv USG planned giving firm note of protest over Israeli attack on USS Liberty, stressing negligence of act and requesting preventive action taken assuring no repetition of incident. (State 210130, June 10, SECRET)

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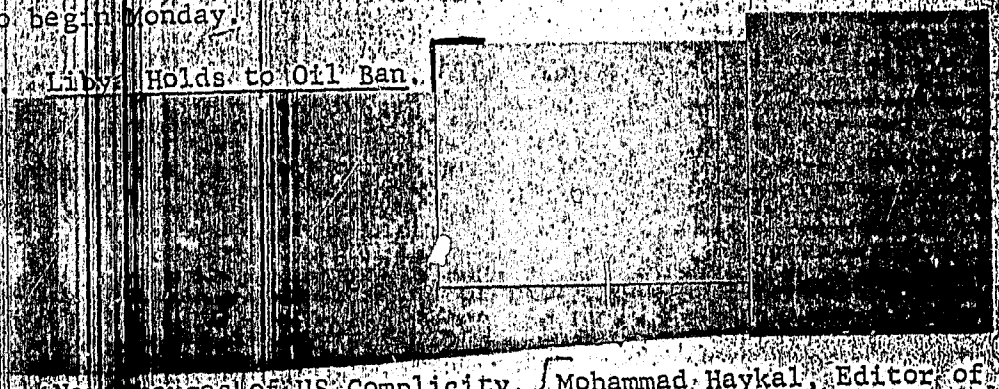
ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION REPORT, 1800, June 16, 1967

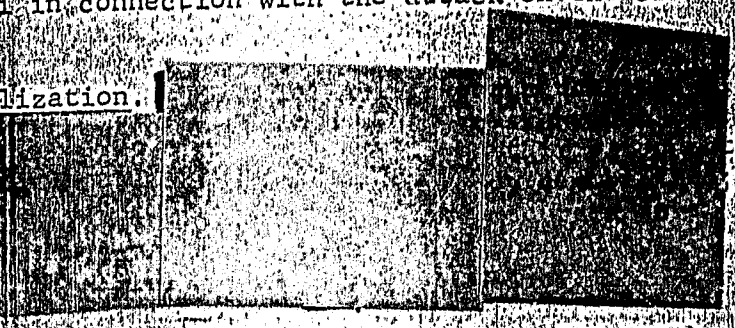
1. UNGA Special Session. The special session of the UNGA will convene at 0930 hours June 17 for an organizational and ceremonial meeting; substantive discussions are scheduled to begin Monday.

2. Libya Holds to Oil Ban.



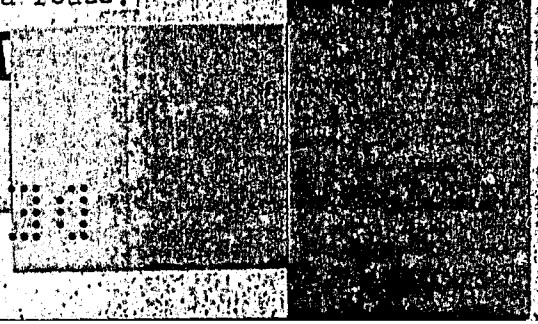
3. New Charges of US Complicity. Mohammad Haykal, Editor of Al-Ahram, claimed that between March and May the US gave Israel 400 new tanks, 200 planes, and 1000 military pilots and navigators from USAF units. He charged the USS Liberty had jammed UAR radar networks and had monitored all UAR operational messages. He mentioned "lies and hypocrisy" when describing President Johnson's request of Kosygin that Nasser be informed that two US aircraft had overflown Sinai in connection with the attack on the USS Liberty.

4. Israeli Demobilization.



5. UAR Withdrawal in Yemen. According to Reuters, the South Arabian Broadcasting Service reports that 1500 UAR troops have left Yemen since Monday, along with 150 tanks and heavy artillery units. Tribesmen were allegedly attacking the withdrawing forces along the Sana'a-Hodeida route.

6. Israeli Annexation of Jerusalem.



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